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1. PER INQUIRY FROM CINCPAC FOLLOWING IS PRESS RELEASE
FROM WHITE HOUSE CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS INVITED A BIPARTISAN
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VISIT CHINA FOR ABOUT TEN
DAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 20. THE DELEGATION WILL BE
HEADED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN B. ANDERSON (R. - ILLINOIS)
WITH SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD (D. - WEST VIRGINIA)
AS DEPUTY LEADER. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDE
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SLACK (D. - WEST VIRGINIA), REPRE-
SENTATIVE EDWARD J. DERWINSKI (R. - ILLINOIS),
SENATOR JAMES B. PEARSON (R. - KANSAS), AND
SENATOR SAM NUNN (D. - GEORGIA).

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DETAILS OF THE TRIP, WHICH WAS AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE DURING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S NOVEMBER, 1974 TRIP TO PEKING, ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN

OFFICIALS OF THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN WASHINGTON.

THIS WILL BE THE NINTH DELEGATION OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT CHINA SINCE THE ADMINISTRATION INITIATED EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE US-PRC RELATIONS IN 1971--APART FROM PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY, 1972 AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEVEN TRIPS TO PEKING. THE EIGHT PREVIOUS VISITS INCLUDED SEVEN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. THESE WERE LED BY SENATORS MIKE MANSFIELD AND HUGH SCOTT IN APRIL, 1972; REPRESENTATIVES HALE BOGGS AND GERALD FORD IN JUNE OF THAT SAME YEAR; A GROUP LED BY SENATOR WARREN MAGNUSON AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS MORGAN IN JULY, 1973; A VISIT BY SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON IN JULY 1974; A DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATOR WILLIAM FULBRIGHT AND REPRESENTATIVE PETER FRELINGHUYSEN IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR; A VISIT BY SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD IN DECEMBER AND A VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES CARL ALBERT AND JOHN RHODES THIS APRIL. THERE WAS ALSO A VISIT BY A DELEGATION OF SIX STATE GOVERNORS, LED BY GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS OF WASHINGTON IN MAY OF 1974. END TEXT.

3. ESCORT OFFICER TERRY HOWE OR WHITE HOUSE ESCORT WILLIAM KENDALL WILL HANDLE PRESS INQUIRIES DURING TRIP. SISCO

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